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The reply filed on November 15, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The examiner respectfully requests clarification concerning the limitation "self-closing diaphragm". Applicant argues that the cited references do not disclose a "self-closing diaphragm". However, upon review of independent claim 40, the claim language does not disclose this limitation. Moreover, newly submitted claim 70 does not include this limitation either. Applicant should include the limitation in claims 40 and 70, or amend his arguments to correctly address the merits of the pending rejections.


See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manuel Mendez whose telephone number is 703-308-2221. The examiner can normally be reached on 0730-1800 hrs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Brian Casler can be reached on 703-308-3552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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